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FM AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3459

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAKAR IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: GUINEA'S GASOLINE SHORTAGE

1. PRIME MINISTER BAVOGUI SUMMONED CHARGE
SEPTEMBER 7 TO ASK EMBASSY'S HELP IN URGENTLY CON-
TACTING POSSIBLE U.S. SUPPLIERS OF GASOLINE FOR
GUINEA. BEAVOGUI SAID GUINEA WAS FACED WITH AN
ACUTE ALBEIT TEMPORARY SHORTAGE OF GASOLINE. GUINEA
NEEDS 1000-2000 TONS OF GASOLINE IMMEDIATELY. GOG
READY TO PAY CASH OR MEET NORMAL COMMERCIAL TERMS.
DIVERSION OF ONE 5000-TON TANKER WOULD SUFFICE. GOG
WILL ALSO BE LOOKING FOR MORE PERMANENT CONTACTS TO
ASSURE AND "DIVERSIFY" REGULAR SUPPLY BEYOND CRISIS PERIOD.
BEAVOGUI SAID THAT GOG HAD DISPATCHED SOME 30-50 TANK TRUCK
TRIPS TO FREETOWN IN RECENT DAYS TO MEET EMERGENCY
NEEDS, BUT THIS WAS UNSATISFACTORY METHOD AND "DROP
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IN BUCKET." PROVINCES WERE FEELING PINCH AS WELL AS
CONAKRY -- ALL GASOLINE IMPORTS NORMALLY COME THROUGH
CAPITAL.

2. BEAVOGUI SAID THAT GOG BLAMED USSR FOR SHORTAGE.
SOVIETS HAVE BEEN GUINEA'S REGULAR SUPPLIER FOR SOME
TIME. DURING CURRENT RAINY SEASON SOVIETS HAVE BEGUN

"NEGLECTING" GUINEA, SHOWING "INDIFFERENCE" TO GUINEA'S REQUESTS, AND "DRAGGING THEIR HEELS." THIS "INDIFFERENCE" IS INCREASING, AND GUINEA IS NOW HAVING "LOTS OF DIFFICULTIES" WITH SOVIETS. BEAVOGUI SAID GOG THOUGHT THIS WAS ALL "CONSEQUENCE OF POSITIONS GUINEA HAD TAKEN". (COMMENT: CHARGE'S IMPRESSION IS THAT BEAVOGUI WAS CLEARLY REFERRING, AT LEAST IN PART, TO SEKOU TOURE'S GESTURES TOWARD U.S. INCLUDING BEAVOGUI'S VISIT TO U.S. AND TOURE'S DECISION TO SHUT DOWN SOVIET TU-95 RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS OUT OF CONAKRY).

3. COMMENT: REQUEST DEPT, DAKAR AND MONROVA URGENTLY PASS CONTENTS OF PARA ONE ONLY TO ANY APPROPRIATE SUPPLIERS, E.G. MOBILE, TEXACO (DAKAR). ATTRIBUTE GUINEAN REQUEST TO GOG, NOT BEAVOGUI PERSONALLY. PLS ADVISE. GOG UNDOUBTEDLY WORKING COMMERCIAL AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AS WELL. IF U.S. COMPANY IS ABLE TO BAIL GUINEANS OUT, U.S. POSITION WITH GOG WOULD BE ACCORDINGLY ENHANCED. BEAVOGUI'S IS MOST EXPLICIT STATEMENT TO US YET BY HIGH-RANKING GUINEAN THAT GOG'S SOVIET CONNECTION HAS SOURED TO SIGNIFICANT EXTENT. EMBASSY'S EARLIER REPORTING SIGNED STRAINS IN AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND PARTS, FISHING, AND PORT SHIP HANDLING MATTERS. PARADOXICALLY, SOVIET NAVAL SHIP PRESENCE IN AND OFF CONAKRY DURING AUGUST HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL, INCLUDING CRUISER, SUBMARINES, DESTROYER, LST, AND SUPPLY SHIPS.
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